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MAKING Tennyson a lord seems to have spoiled a good poet.

WHAT have those people who found fault with the contradictory election returns to say about the returns from the contest of Gordon and El Madhu?

WITH foot-ball prohibited and base ball under stringent restrictions, it looks as if Harvard students would have to take up the manly sport of the German students and resort to dueling in order to secure the scars necessary to credit them with proper deportment.

THERE are at least three very good reasons for hoping that the question of tariff revision will not be seriously agitated during the present session of Congress. First, the recent election has shown that the free-trade agitators are not endorsed by the people; second, such agitation would divide the Democratic party and intensify antagonism; and third, any general attempt at free-trade legislation would be absolutely hopeless.

JOHN C. MACKIN, secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee, of Illinois, who is charged with being the chief conspirator in the fraud to seat Brand in the Legislature, lived in Philadelphia until 1871. His business in those days was that of a bar-tender, and his full name was Michael Joseph Mackin, though he was popularly known among his jolly co-guzzlers as "Mickey" Mackin. But since then he has become Joseph Chesterfield Mackin, and an ideal Democratic statesman.

ALEXANDER K. MCCLURE, in a dispatch from Washington, says that after all the positive assertions about Cleveland's Cabinet have been boiled down it turns out that nobody knows anything about it, and that Cleveland has probably not carefully considered the matter. Mr. Randall is discussed for Cabinet honors, and while the young progressive element of the South is urging Randall for the Treasury, the old Bourbon free traders are about equally anxious to have him transferred to the Cabinet to get him out of the House, always provided that he shall receive any portfolio but that of the Treasury.

THE New York World commends the spectacle presented by the peaceful attitude of the people of the United States in the recent elections. It remarks that "a change has been wrought in the political character of the national administration. Patronage to the extent of hundreds of millions passes from one party to another." This is the comprehensive and patriotic view of the issue of the election which presents itself to the Democratic mind. Not a speck of civil service reform clouds the vision of "patronage" which opens before the Democratic eye. Not a thought of it will bar the Democratic advance on the offices. The Democratic party, "very hungry and very thirsty," as George William Curtis observed, has gotten into power with the help of Curtis, Schurz, Beecher & Co., and they mean to make the most of it. The civil service reformers who predicted such a hopeful state of reform under the new order of things, will take notice that their services are no longer needed. What are we here for?

THE HOCKING VALLEY STRIKE.

Appearances point to the speedy ending of the Hocking Valley strike. This strike began six months since because of a reduction in wages of ten cents per ton in the price of mining. The operators determined then to crush out the union at any cost. Other miners were imported; riot and bloodshed followed and the militia was called out to maintain peace. It is said that \$300,000 have been expended in securing and protecting the new employees and six months' production of the mines has been lost. This makes the victory of the operators an expensive one. On the other hand thirteen hundred new miners have been imported and thousands of the old miners, with their families, are on the brink of starvation at the beginning of winter, many of them with no prospect of obtaining work at any price. The case is a lamentable one. There was, undoubtedly, error on both sides in the contest. It is evident that all the wrong is on one side in any contest. The workmen were too impetuous and the operators too vindictive. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." If a title of the trouble taken to enforce submission had been taken to conciliate the aggrieved miners and to convince them that a reduction was necessary in the interest of all concerned, the men might have been led to continue working. If there was really a necessity for a reduction, and the workmen could have been shown wherein that necessity existed they had reason enough to appreciate it, and if then they did not allow their reason to govern them, the responsibility would

have rested on them alone. But the trouble was that passion instead of reason was allowed to rule on both sides. The result is a vast amount of wealth has been squandered, bitterness and hatred are planted among the people, and a large population are likely to become paupers to be supported by charity or by the state. The two effects last mentioned particularly concern the public at large. Conditions and transactions which generate and nourish hatred, or which beget paupers, should, if possible, be corrected by law. Some method should be devised which shall settle amicably the differences between capital and labor. Possibly Butler's suggestion, offered in his address in this city, might be made practicable.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Chicago Inter-Ocean: It is understood that David Davis is perfecting himself in the graceful art of roller-skating. That's why the rumor of earthquakes comes from Bloomington.

Philadelphia Record: The present session of Congress is very short, but it is long enough to pass the modest bill giving General Grant a pension of five thousand dollars a year.

Chicago Times: Mr. Cleveland should paste up the official returns for future reference. There were 4,913,801 votes cast for him, and if any more than that number of voters apply for an office he will know that some hungry members of the opposition are trying to "ring in" on him.

Cincinnati Times-Star: President-elect Cleveland might study with profit that part of President Arthur's message which discusses the complex problem of production and distribution, and the related subject of reviving our foreign trade. He would see what a practical man of business thinks of a great business question.

Albany Argus (Dem.): It can be said with authority, and it should be distinctly heeded, that if the wishes of Mr. Cleveland be consulted, the event of inauguration will be made as simple, brief and plain as possible, alike to comport with the known aversion of the president-elect to public display and to conform to the habit of the Democratic Presidents who were the fathers and founders of the republic.

Philadelphia Record: The waste-baskets of the Record are full of better poems than Tennyson's "Freedom," just given to a deeply uninterested universe with an imposing flourish of trumpets. We could wish, in the interests of accuracy, that our contemporaries would not speak of it as a poem by "Lord Alfred Tennyson." That title would fit the younger son of a Duke, which the Laureate is not. "Lord Tennyson," or "Alfred, Baron Tennyson," or "Alfred, Lord Tennyson," would describe him correctly.

TWO RAT STORIES.

A Ferret's Method: Also 145 Rats Pulled Out of a Hole by Their Tails.
(New York Sun.)

"To be sure, rat catching is not as fashionable a sport as trout fishing," said the rat catcher, "but it requires a great deal of skill to catch a rat. Come with me."

The reporter, the rat catcher, and his dog climbed a hill and entered a kitchen from which all the furniture had been removed but the stove. On the floor in the middle of the room straw was laid an inch deep. A large walking cane stood in the corner. The rat catcher untied a string from the neck of a bag and out came a large rat, who ran rapidly around the four sides of the room, and finding no outlet, sought refuge beneath the straw. The rat catcher then put his hand into another bag and drew out a ferret, which he placed upon the floor. The ferret moved slowly around until he struck the rat's trail, which he followed in all its windings. When the ferret reached the straw the rat bounded out and took another circuit around the room, but, finding no way of escape, in seeming desperation he ran up the cane and seated himself on the top.

The ferret meanwhile had followed the trail with the tenacity of a bloodhound. When he arrived at the foot of the cane he stopped. Ferrets can not climb. He sat at the foot of the cane and waited. The rat began to chatter with rage and fear. His cry gradually arose from a whimper to a shrill squeak. Then a gliding bundle of fur, gleaming teeth and shining eyes came down the cane. The sinister ferret was on the watch, and as the rat reached the floor he darted like a flash, and his needle-like teeth were fastened in the rat's neck. The momentum of the rat's body carried the two animals along the floor for two feet. There was a short struggle, a dead rat, and the ferret was restored to the bag.

"Rats never bite in the dark. I have been bitten many times, but always after I have brought the animal to the light," continued the rat catcher. "You can put your hand into a bag full of rats with impunity, but you must keep the light away from them. A farmer who lives near this place came here early one morning. He said that in crossing one of his fields he met a drove of rats. He estimates there were 250 in the drove. He succeeded in killing some of them. The rest got into his barn and outbuildings. We went over to the barn and hunted it over carefully, but we could not find a sign of a rat. We were about leaving the place when I noticed a light in a bright-eyed ferret looking fondly upon the head lying beside a brick wall. She refused to leave when I called her. The wall was double, with an open space eight inches wide between. With a cold-chisel I cut a brick out of the wall, and, running my hand into the hole, I felt a solid body of rats, piled one upon the other, as far as I could reach. I covered my hands with a pair of buckskin gloves and felt around among the rats until I had secured six tails. The farmer was holding the bag, but when I swung those six rats out of the hole he turned pale, dropped the bag, and ran."

"I took 145 rats out of that wall. We took them to the farmer's kitchen and liberated them. When they found there was no escape they ranged themselves in a corner on their hind quarters, like soldiers awaiting a charge, and began making the penitential noise which rats always make when cornered. I had been holding the young dog, who was struggling to get away. When I let him go he charged the phalanx heavily. A moment later he was under the table, carrying a load of living rats hanging from every part of his body. Then I let the old dog go. After she had laid them all out she went around among them, and if there was one who showed signs of life she gave him an extra snap."

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Kent: ss.
At a session of the probate court for the county of Kent, held at the Probate Office in the city of Grand Rapids, on Friday, the seventh day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Present, CYRUS E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Eliza J. Wellins, late of the Township of Wyoming, in said County, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of James H. Wellins, administrator of said estate praying the court for license and authority to sell certain real estate therein described for the purpose of making a distribution of said estate.
Thereupon it is ordered, That Monday, the eighth day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate Office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further Ordered, That said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Grand Rapids MORNING TELEGRAM, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Kent, three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing.
(A true copy.)
ADOLPH B. MASON, Register.
CYRUS E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.
204.

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Kent: ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Kent, held at the Probate Office in the city of Grand Rapids, on Friday, the twenty-first day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Present, CYRUS E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Ellen A. McDonough, late of the city of Grand Rapids, deceased.
On reading and filing the final account, duly verified, of Ellen A. McDonough, administratrix of said estate.
Thereupon it is ORDERED, That Monday, the 23d day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing, examination and allowance of said account, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate Office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the said account should not be allowed.
And it is further ordered, That said administratrix give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account and the hearing and examination thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Grand Rapids MORNING TELEGRAM, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Kent, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.
(A true copy.)
ADOLPH B. MASON, Register.
CYRUS E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.
24-4.

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Kent: ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Kent, held at the Probate Office in the city of Grand Rapids, on Saturday, the twenty-ninth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Present, CYRUS E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Susanna C. Robinson, deceased, and filing the petition, duly verified, of Henry H. Robinson, grantee of the heirs at law of said deceased, praying the court to admit to probate the will of said deceased, and to appoint said Henry H. Robinson executor of said will, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate Office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.
And it is further ORDERED, That said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Grand Rapids MORNING TELEGRAM, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Kent, three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing.
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ADOLPH B. MASON, Register.
CYRUS E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.
204.

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Kent: ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Kent, held at the Probate Office in the city of Grand Rapids, on Tuesday, the second day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Present, CYRUS E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Asahel Hubbard, late of said City of Grand Rapids, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Mary E. Hubbard, administratrix of said estate, praying the court to admit to probate the will of said deceased, and to appoint said Mary E. Hubbard executrix of said will, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate Office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.
And it is further ORDERED, That said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Grand Rapids MORNING TELEGRAM, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Kent, three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing.
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ADOLPH B. MASON, Register.
CYRUS E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.
21-4.

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Kent: ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Kent, held at the Probate Office in the city of Grand Rapids, on Friday, the fifth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Present, CYRUS E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Alanson Powers, late of the Township of Grand Rapids, in said county, deceased.
On reading and filing the final account duly verified, of Mark M. Powers and Elizabeth Powers, administrators and administratrix of said estate.
Thereupon it is ordered, That Monday, the 23d day of December instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing, examination and allowance of said account, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate Office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the said account should not be allowed.
And it is further ordered, That said administrators give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account and the hearing and examination thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Grand Rapids MORNING TELEGRAM, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Kent, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.
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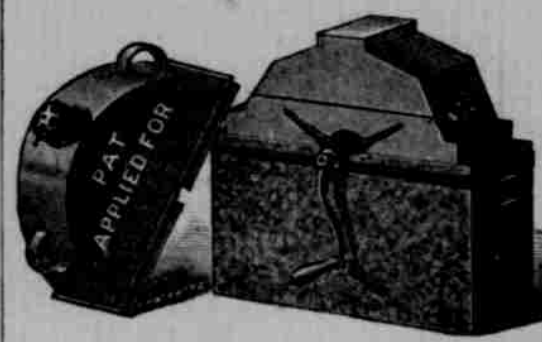
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